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## ELECTION DAY MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 7 AM - 7 PM AT TOWN HALL

Four candidates running for three Town Council seats!

Danny Adams · Donald English · Cheryl Lewis · F. Bud Reed
Statements from all candidates are included here.....

Please remember to vote on May 10<sup>th</sup>, as citizens of a small community it is very important that we show our support for our own Town and also remind the larger community of our strength.

Cheryl Lewis, President of the Trappe Town Council



I am running for my second term as a Town Commissioner. I feel that the Town Council has accomplished a lot in the last four years, we have made some good decisions and our citizens have stood by us. Realizing growth was inevitable, we planned for controlled growth that suits our needs and will benefit the Town. We used a common sense approach to set out a plan for new growth and for downtown revitalization. We should soon be able to feel the benefits in our downtown area, where revitalization is taking place now and will be a great benefit to the current town. I consider growth, along with our water and sewer debt to be our greatest concerns in the near future. I feel we have prepared for the growth and plan to work towards ways to provide some relief in our water and sewer bills. I am a lifelong resident of Trappe, residing in LaTrappe Heights with my wife and children. I have enjoyed coaching my son in Little League and currently I am coach-

ing my daughter's Softball team, along with Umpiring Little League. I am asking for your support in the up coming election so that we can continue what we have started.



I am asking you for your support in the election for Trappe Town Council on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. My past experience with the town includes Town Council member from 1995 to 2003, President, Town Council from 2001 to 2003, Town Zoning Administrator since 1999 and I am currently serving as a member of the Town Planning Commission.

I am also an active life member of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., with 38 years of service and I am currently serving as Treasurer. I have lived in Trappe for 39 years with my wife, Margaret and we have raised our three children here. I feel I can call Trappe home.

I participated on the Town Council and/or the Town Planning Commission during the writing and adoption of our current Town Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations and Planned Neighborhood Zoning. As our Town proceeds forward on the pending developments, I feel my participation in the writing of these documents will help me in assuring the Town achieves it's vision of smart growth. I would also like to see planning for commercial development in our Town, so that we can create local jobs to support our citizens and our Town economy.

Now that I am retired, after working 40 years with Mail Well Graphics, I feel I will have the time to devote to all the issues that come with the operation of our Town. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any issues with me, please feel free to contact me at 410-476-3592. I hope you will exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Trappe Town Hall and if you can support and vote for me, I thank you.

The Index is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions and short articles that are of general interest to the community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners.

The Commissioners reserve the right to edit or reject any item submitted.



#### Cheryl Lewis • Main Street

- Current Council President

Four years ago I ran for office, as I felt it was my duty to offer something back to the town and the people who had so graciously welcomed my family to this great town. My platform consisted of the following thoughts:

- · I wanted to see sidewalks completed, so that adults & children could move about safely, so everyone can get out enjoy their town.
- I was interested in community safety so that we would know our children and grandchildren had a safe place to play.
- · I wanted to see more emphasis put on community events.
- I felt we needed small storefront businesses to keep the town going and make it a desirable place to live.
- I was interested in restoration of our historic buildings, as a way to work towards keeping our town beautiful and attractive to live in.
- I was interested in doing what we must do to meet Gov. requirements, while doing everything possible to keep Trappe a great town.

In looking back, I am pleased to say we have made some great strides in the last few years.



- With the help of the state, the sidewalk from the center of town to the new ballpark was completed. The proposed Lyons Farm project will continue this sidewalk from the ballpark to the elementary school. Our Planned Neighborhood Ordinance also requires extensive sidewalks and walking paths in all new development to continue our walk-able community planning. Someday in the future I would really like to see a Route 50 pedestrian overpass to allow our citizens an alternative to driving just to get to the other side of town.
- ◆ Community safety is an on going concern for all of us. We were successful in including funding in the Trappe East annexation agreement for our own Police Department in the future − I feel this is a very important step for our town and offers that future security we are all interested in.
- I worked with several other hard working commissioners and citizens who made up 'The Friends of Home Run Baker' in putting together the first "Trappe Old Fashioned Family Fun Days" in 2001 to raise funds for the ballpark. The Fire Department combined their Carnival with 'The Friends' the next year and this year the Trappe Fire Department will be the full sponsor of the event. I am very proud to have been part of the beginning of an event that truly is a fun and safe family event we can look forward to every July!
- Beginning in 2001 the Town Council and the Planning Commission started working on the upgrade to our Comprehensive Plan, we met in public workshops week after week until we felt we had a vision for our Town that was not only desirable, but also obtainable. The final chapter in our plan was "Implementation", a section consisting of the necessary steps to see our Plan through, the needed ordinances and regulations to not only protect what we love about our home but to continue to grow in a fashion we can all be proud of. The Town Council and Planning Commission have worked steadily over the last 4 years revising our zoning ordinances and regulations, along with creating new ones to enable our vision to become a reality. I am pleased to say this hard work was rewarded by the State of Maryland, not only in recognition of our Comprehensive Plan as an impressive document, but also in presenting us with the "Maryland Vision Award for Government Innovation" in 2004 for our Planned Neighborhood Zoning Ordinance, which governs all new large scale growth in our town and puts the burden of infrastructure cost on developers, not our citizens.
- While the pressures of growth facing the Eastern Shore drew our focus to planning for new growth, it also pointed out the need for a strong, economically viable, community in order to protect what we have. Several years ago we began looking at our failing downtown commercial area and began the visioning process of what it could be again. This vision was translated into the "Village Redevelopment Sub Area"; an ordinance, which encourages mixed residential, small-scale commercial and multiuse development, while preserving the scale and character of our town. The ordinance creates a Village Center Area in our current downtown and encourages mixed residential, small-scale commercial and multiuse development while still preserving the village character. The ordinance encourages public input via public hearings, appeals, and planning & zoning reviews. By permitting small-scale commercial development by special exception, we have opened the door to positive changes to our town center, and are already seeing proposals for revitalization. I have heard from many citizens who are looking forward to the day when we can walk downtown for a sandwich or an ice cream; take a cool evening stroll for a nice dinner or even visit a local shop to pick up a few necessities...

Your town officials have worked very hard to put in place the legislation to allow for these possibilities, and I do ask your consideration for the commissioners who have worked so hard the last four years to get us to this point.

I can honestly say four years ago, I never imagined being part of the incredible process I have participated in while serving as your Town Commissioner and I look forward to another four years. I certainly never pictured "Trappe" becoming a subject of conversation throughout the Eastern Shore and even in Annapolis. The idea that we have become "The Little Town that Could" is really something all of us can be proud of. I attend forums and lectures monthly where the incredible visioning and planning that Trappe has undertaken are often mentioned and with very high regard. I am often asked why the citizens of Trappe are so forward thinking and how is it that the elected officials and the citizens seem to be so strongly supportive of each other. With great pride I reply, you do what the people want you to do and you let the people know what you are doing along the way. As a town we may not be able to please everyone all the time, but we can surely work together to keep our home a great place to live.

#### F.B. (Bud) Reid - Main Street

The past several years Trappe has spent a lot of time in preparing for the potential developments and future growth of the town. This has been a necessary effort and we now have a lot of new ordinances and regulations in place. However this effort for the future Town seems to have overlooked the Town we now have. I would like to see more effort in dealing with the present Town of Trappe requirements. We need to manage our resources carefully and make sure the present is given due consideration when considering the future. The costs of operating a Town and serving its people will definitely increase during the future and we cannot count on what might be to be the financial offset that might be most wanted.

Having had the pleasure of previously serving on the council and experienced the contributions the citizens of the Town can offer to local government, I hope to realize this experience again. If enough sun shines into the Town issues and we can have the involvement of the community and many of what we call 'problems' can be changed into manageable situations. There could be some benefits of citizens' committees to study certain circumstances facing the Town such as the water and sewer operating costs and procedures, traffic conditions, and other matters that affect all of us. It would be beneficial to get more of the Town affairs and exiting ordinances made available electronically on the Town web site. This would avoid the cost to the Town of producing hardcopy while making the information more freely available.

## NEWS FROM TOWNHALL Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Citizens

are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town Hall every Friday, and items are added as requested (which can be as late as Wednesday morning) and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the Town Clerk at 410.476.3910

- Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
- Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc are scheduled as needed, and are
  often held prior to regular meetings shown above.

## Town Meeting, March 2, 2005 (Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm)

<u>Amendment to Sign Ordinance</u>  $\sim$  <u>Resolution #1-2005</u> Following a Public Hearing, an amendment of Sec. 8.02 of the existing Sign Ordinance was approved. The existing ordinance allows for a 6 square-foot sign for home occupancy businesses, but only 4 square-foot sign for a professional office. The amendment allows for a 6 square-foot sign for both types of businesses.

<u>Commercial Design Standards</u> ~ <u>Resolution #2-2005 (Creating Sec 39 under existing Ordinance)</u> Public Workshops were conducted with both commissions to review and discuss Design Standards for Highway Commercial zoning and existing Redevelopment Area. These design standards continue to be researched and refined in preparation for final approval.

Preliminary PUD Plan for "Castle Racket Farm," Lyons Farm Property In response to the town's requests, planner Barry Griffith and Bob Karen of Caruso, LLC, presented revised concept plans and narrative for the Castle Racket Farm project. The new plan still reflects the project's neo-traditional design, but with increased buffers, improved parking plans and pedestrian connections, revised townhouse architecture, and upgraded aesthetics. A central park and museum remain as features in the community. The redesigned plan calls for 505 total units (down from 575 in the previous plan). Most units are single family dwellings with alley-loaded garages. The new plan still meets open space requirements. The Town's legal counsel stated that the project generally complies with Comprehensive Plan and meets preliminary requirements with respect to connectivity to the existing town, mixed uses per PN District zoning, density requirements, and housing types. Proposed upgrades to White Marsh Elementary access roadways, sidewalks & pedestrian routes also contribute to town goals. The Planning Commission will continue to work with developer on the final PUD.

<u>Mitchum Marketplace Update (Main Street & Maple Ave Restaurant Complex)</u> A line revision was approved by the Town Commissioners delineating the property line between the two parcels comprising this property. The resulting lots meet all setback requirements. *M*itchum Enterprises, represented by the project's attorney, architect, and principals, requested a Special Exception for their proposed restaurant/café/small shops complex. In compliance with the requirements of the Village Overlay Zone Sub-Area, an <u>Appeals Board Hearing will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.</u>

<u>Paul Moore Complex (Main Street & Maple Ave) Revised Concept Plan</u> Developer, Paul Moore and his architect, Jay Corvan, presented a revised concept plan reflecting revisions requested by the town. Revisions included changes to architectural designs, storm water plans, and parking layouts. Mr. Moore has obtained additional property, allowing for a more spacious entrance and increased parking with reduced paved surfaces. The proposal calls for 10 commercial units and 27 residential units. Discussion of parking issues included the possibilities of shared parking between day/night and commercial/residential users, as well as trading the Town-owned property, that was the site of the old water tower, for increased municipal parking in the commercial area.

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## **NEWS FROM TOWNHALL (cont.)**

Parking Ordinance #3-2005 ~ Amended On-Street Parking Proposal Following extensive field work, Town Planner, Frank Hall, and Town Zoning Administrator, Don English, presented a preliminary plan for on-street and shared parking to allow parking relief in the downtown area and provide adequate parking for potential new businesses. The proposal creates about 50 new parking spaces within a five minute walking distance to downtown. A Public Hearing will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:15.

**SHA Speed Sign Update S**tate Highway Administration speed signs were recently installed by on Main Street near Scotts Church and Home Run Baker Park. Data from the installation indicates that the use of the speed signs served to slow down traffic, particularly on north Main Street, where speeds were measured at 55 mph in a 25 mph zone. At the discretion of the state, these speed signs are place randomly at various locations, so may come and go in town.

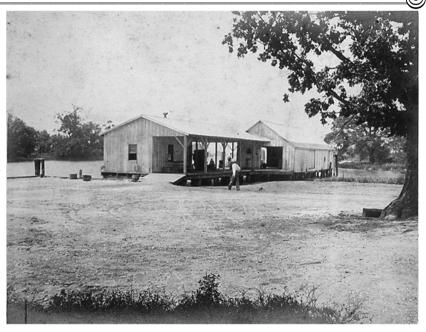
## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST Sponsored by *THE INDEX*

Do you have a great photograph of a favorite scene, event, or person (past or present) in Trappe? If so, be sure to enter it in our Annual Photo Contest. Each month, we will share the entries with our readers. At the end of the year a winner will be announced. Entries may be emailed to **trappeindex@verizon.net** or dropped off at the Town Office.

#### APRIL WINNER ~ Submitted by: Bob Croswell

Obviously not in Trappe, but I believe that this old photo from 1916 is most likely Trappe Landing. I remember the landing looking very much like this around 1950. The structures were in very bad condition and were soon removed and replaced with a new wharf, which has remained pretty much unchanged. Maybe someone else will remember this scene.

**Disclaimer**: In submitting a photo entry, you grant *The Index* the right to use the image in Town publications. Winning photographs will be published in *The Index* and may be displayed on Town Web site. Entrants are responsible for obtaining photo-release permission from subjects shown in submitted photographs, including the permission of parents for children under age 18.



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Photographs courtesy Nancy Dunn, Friends of Home Run Baker Park.

New scoreboards have been installed at Home Run Baker Park. Come on out and watch a game this season and you'll always know who's ahead! The flowering forsythia bushes shown here were planted in honor of Bob & Nora Neimeyer, past members of Friends of Home Run Baker Park, who relocated to Florida last year. This is the perfect time of year to stroll, jog, or bike along the

lovely walking path at the park. Bring the kids and make it a family outing. And remember, it's not too late to support the park by purchasing an inscribed brick to add to the patio at the entrance to the ball fields. For more information, please contact Nancy Dunn at 410.476.3274.



Friendly Reminders from Our Postmaster:

- P.O. Box Customers, please use your key to retrieve mail
- Please respect the handicap parking space for customers bearing handicap sign or tags
- Additional parking space is available in the rear of the post office Thank you! Daphne Garner, Postmaster

Do you have an announcement you would like to share? A special anniversary, birthday, or celebration? Please share them with our readers. It's easy! Submit news item along with your water bill or send them to the Town Office or *Index* editor,

Ann Dorbin: 410.476.3910, 3915 Main Street, PO Box 10, trappeindex@verizon.net.



St. Paul's Church is conducting a raffle for *Le Maison sur le Canal*, an original oil on canvas painting of the French countryside by local artist Mary H. Getsinger. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of six. Further information can be obtain by contacting St. Paul's Church at 410-476-3048 or visiting its website at http://www.saint-pauls.info

The Index is now available online, along with lots of other local info. Visit the town Web site: www.trappemd.net Logon today!!

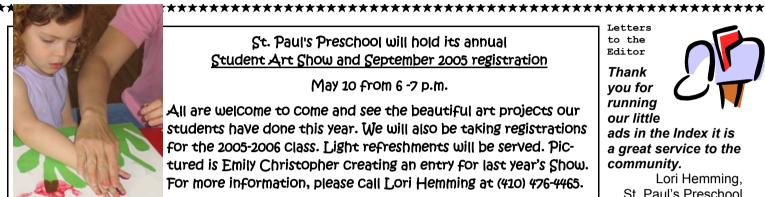
## We Want You To join us! at the "Armed Forces Day" Breakfast

Honoring Active Duty Military Personnel & Their Families from the Trappe District

## Saturday, May 14, 2005 8:00 am - 10:00 am At the Trappe United Methodist Church, on Maple Avenue in Trappe Adults \$5 Sr Citizens \$4 Children \$3

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATION.

If you know of a member of the armed services and/or their families from our community, please notify Drake Ferguson (410.476.4858 or drake21673@aol.com) or Pastor Cindy Burkhert (410.476.3384 or pastorcindy@dmy.com) so that an invitation may be sent.



## St. Paul's Preschool will hold its annual Student Art Show and September 2005 registration

May 10 from 6 -7 p.m.

All are welcome to come and see the beautiful art projects our students have done this year. We will also be taking registrations for the 2005-2006 class. Light refreshments will be served. Pictured is Emily Christopher creating an entry for last year's Show. For more information, please Call Lori Hemming at (410) 476-4465.

Letters to the Editor

Thank you for running our little

ads in the Index it is a great service to the community.

> Lori Hemming, St. Paul's Preschool

### ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE!! TVFD WANTS YOUR "TREASURES" FOR THEIR ANNUAL YARD **FUNDRAISER**

June 18th 7:00 am to 12:00 noon

If anyone would like to donate any items to the fire company for the vard sale or rent a table (rental = \$10.00), please contact Danny McCracken at 410-476-4501.





The Trappe Volunteer Fire Department will be Sponsoring the 5th Annual Old Fashioned Family Fun Days Carnival July 20 through July 23. We are asking for donations for the following booths: craft items for a crafts booth, cakes for the cake booth (we will not be making individual calls this year to the community), any items for our silent auction, etc. Please contact Margaret English at 410.476.3592 to donate crafts or silent auction items. Volunteers are also needed to work at various booths, please call Lou Diefenderfer at 410-476-3882 to volunteer.





#### INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK:

Please do not flush items such as rubber gloves and other non-biodegradable items down the toilet, they clog the waste water system and damage the town's water pumps. These types of repairs are costly and increase the water and sewer cost for all of us. Please be aware of what you introduce into the public water system via toilets, house drains, and storm drains.

Trappe POTTERY makes the a great Mother's Day gift and is available for immediate purchase at the Town Office. Stop in and check it out.



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# May 2005

There are moms who can cook, And moms who can sew And moms who will come when they're beckoned But give me that pearl Of a mom-type girl, A mom who can slide into second.

Terry Ryan

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SUBMISSION DEADLINE May 23, 2005	2 AP TESTING EHS	3 AP TESTING EHS	4 Trappe Town Council	5 Cinco de Mayo AP TESTING EHS	6 WMES Mother's Day Flower Sale	7SUMC Yard Sale Young at Heart 8 am to noon
Trappeindex @verizon.net or 410-476-3910	TEACHER APPRECIATION	EHS 7 pm Band Boosters	Meeting 7:30 pm Public hearing on Street	WMES Mother's Day Flower Sale TVFD Line Dancing	WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	TVFD Siren Testing
4	WEEK @ WMES	SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	Public hearing on Street Parking at 7:15 WMES PTO 7 pm	w/Steve Moody 7 pm AA 6:30 pm @ St. Paul's		e's Twelfth Night 7 pm/ \$5 at door
MOTHER'S DAY	9 AP TESTING EHS	10 TOWN OF TRAPPE ELECTION DAY	11 AP TESTING EHS FFA Awards Banquet EHS 6 pm	EMS 7:30 am Parent Coffee 124 6:30 pm St. Paul's WMES Spring Concert	13	14 P
St Paul's Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am	WMES 6:30 pm Brownie & Jr GS	7 AM - 7 PM AP TESTING EHS WMES 10 am	Mid Shore Republican Women 7pm Methodist Women 7 pm	@ EHS 7 pm	The state of the s	7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale
Emmanuel Wesleyan Sunday School 9:00 am	EHS SOS MTG 7 pm	Grandparents Club  TVFD Meeting 8:00 pm	Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm	Appeals Hearing Town Hall 7:30 pm Mitchum Mkt Place	WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	TUMC Youth 7 pm Girls Only & Boys Only Night
Service 10:30 am Fellowship 5:15 pm Eve Service 6 pm Trappe UMC	16 EHS Awards Night 7 pm	17 Talbot County Council	18 Planning	19 Career and Technology Awards Program EHS 6 pm	20	2 1 <sub>trappe high</sub> school alumni reunion
Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am		meets most Tuesdays Check talbgov website for times and agendas	Commission Meeting 7:30pm	AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's TVFD Line Dancing 7 pm	161.	TUMC @ 5 PM  NJROTC Awards
Fellowship 12 pm Faith Chapel Service 8:45 am	Week of the Working Parent		TCPS Board Mtg EHS Café 7:00 pm	EHS SPRING BAND CONCERT 7 PM	WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	Ceremony EHS 6 pm
Sunday School 9:45 Scott's UMC Sunday Service 9 am	EHS 23 High School Assessments	24 EHS High School Assessment	25 TUMC Yard Sale	26 Assessments	27	28 Trappe UMC 7:30-10 am
SUMC SR. CITIZEN DAY 3:30 pm	Band Banquet EHS 6 pm	SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	Every Wed 8:30 am Lion's Club Mtg 6:30pm	AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's  TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody	Trappe Fire Department Memorial Raffle	Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale
	WMES 6:30 pm Brownie & Jr GS	After Grad Mtg EHS 7 pm	EHS Choral Concert 8 pm	7 - 10pm	WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	Fourth Saturday Youth Group TUMC 7:30 pm
29 St Paul's Annual	30	31	chool Programs on St Paul's Preschool 8:4	:45 am - 11:45 am		
Memorial Day Service 'Hole in the Wall'		EASTON HIGH SCHOOL	Every Tue-Wed-Thur  Scotts United Methodist Church		Trappe United Methodist Church Tuesdays 29299 Maple Ave 1:00 pm	

8 am all welcome...

MEMORIAL DAY TOWN OFFICE CLOSED

GRADUATION WILL BE ON JUNE 2ND

After-school Program 3:30 pm Mon - Fri

White Marsh Elementary Homework Club 3:30 pm Mon - Fri

**Easton High School Guidance** Mondays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



## trawberry Festival

Trappe United Methodist Church

Wesley Hall on Maple Avenue, Trappe

Sat. June 4, 2005 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Pit Beef, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Corn & Fries STRAWBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, & more STRAWBERRIES...even chocolate dipped ones Ice cream, frozen treats and baked goods Silent Auction, Yard Sale, and Kids Games Join us for Friends, Fun and Fellowship!!

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Ave 1:00 pm Wednesday Yard Sale Open 8:30am - Noon Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7 pm Study Thursday 6 pm Youth Musical Night Thursday 7 pm Choir practice

**Scotts United Methodist Church** 

Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.

About Cinco de Mayo ~ May 5th

Cinco de Mayo" is Spanish for "Fifth of May." Is an important holiday in Mexico. On that day, the Mexican army won an important battle over the French army in 1862. People celebrate with parties called fiestas. They have music, dancing, games, and foods like tacos and refried beans. During the fiesta, children break the piñata and share all the treats. Cinco de Mayo is a day for people to show their pride for Mexico.

Just a reminder.... Don't forget to Recycle...

